

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Edward Huntley, P.E. Director

Memorandum

To:

Jim Laurila, P.E., City Engineer

From:

Felix Harvey

Date:

May 3, 2016

Re:

National Grid Pole Petition #21437370 (Elm Street)

Jim:

I have reviewed DPW records and visited the site to view the proposed relocation of pole #18 on Elm Street just west of College Lane. The proposed relocation of pole #18 is part of a Smith College project. It is approximately 10 feet west and northerly of its current location and 47 feet west of the centerline line of College Lane. The alignment of the overhead wiring for three poles is shifting northerly as part of the project according to National Grid, and Smith College's proposed plan.

There are underground city utilities on the south side of Elm Street in the vicinity of the proposed new pole location, some of which (sewer and drain) are also proposed to be relocated as part of the project. It is my recommendation that the relocated pole be placed a minimum of 5 feet from the new sewer alignment. Other than this recommendation, I do not see any other issues for the DPW with this petition.

Approved